



Distillate Watch

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SUPPLY

- Total distillate inventory rose to 112.4 million barrels (MMB) for the week ending August 18, 2000 as higher imports countered lower production. Distillate stocks increased by 0.9 MMB from the previous week but were 27.0 MMB less than last year. Heating oil stock at 42.8 MMB accounted for all of the increase, rising by 2.2 MMB for the week but 27.0 MMB below a year ago. Low sulfur stock fell by 1.3 MMB to 69.6 MMB last week. Total distillate production decreased by 0.1 million barrels per day (MMBD) to 3.7 MMBD with heating oil production increasing slightly at 1.2 MMBD. Imports rose to 0.3 MMBD while demand increased less than 0.1 MMBD to 3.7 million barrels per day.
- Crude oil input to U.S. refineries improved slightly to 15.8 MMBD last week with refiners utilizing 97.9 percent of 16.1 MMBD in operating capacity.

Distillate Production by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Thousand Barrels per Day)

District	Total Distillate Week Ending					Low Sulfur (0.05% or less Sulfur) Week Ending				
	07/28/00	08/04/00	08/11/00	08/18/00	08/20/99	07/28/00	08/04/00	08/11/00	08/18/00	08/20/99
East Coast (PADD I)	471	432	577	497	469	227	277	276	250	233
Midwest (PADD II)	907	903	920	868	833	715	711	695	652	615
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	1,612	1,556	1,636	1,644	1,496	1,021	1,071	1,120	1,069	945
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	154	153	156	168	154	124	113	129	134	121
West Coast (PADD V)	471	471	497	486	513	367	366	397	382	389
U.S. Total	3,615	3,515	3,786	3,663	3,465	2,454	2,538	2,617	2,487	2,303

Distillate Stocks by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Million Barrels)

District	Total Distillate Week Ending					Low Sulfur (0.05% or less Sulfur) Week Ending				
	07/28/00	08/04/00	08/11/00	08/18/00	08/18/99	07/28/00	08/04/00	08/11/00	08/18/00	08/18/99
East Coast (PADD I)	33.8	35.7	36.2	37.8	64.2	14.4	15.7	15.7	16.1	18.9
PADD IX	4.8	4.9	6.3	5.9	NA	1.2	1.3	1.8	1.5	NA
PADD IY	18.9	19.1	18.7	20.2	NA	6.9	7.0	7.4	7.3	NA
PADD IZ	10.0	11.7	11.1	11.7	NA	6.3	7.4	6.5	7.3	NA
Midwest (PADD II)	31.1	31.0	30.9	30.0	30.5	22.9	22.4	22.3	21.8	20.9
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	31.3	29.5	30.0	30.5	31.2	20.1	19.8	21.1	20.5	19.5
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.2
West Coast (PADD V)	11.6	11.0	11.4	10.9	10.9	9.3	8.8	9.1	8.6	8.1
U.S. Total	110.7	110.2	111.5	112.4	139.4	69.2	69.2	70.9	69.6	69.6

* See the *Weekly Petroleum Status Report* Appendix A for a description of the derivation of average inventory levels.

For information about distillate supply data, contact the National Energy Information Center at (202)586-8800. Internet: Infoctr@eia.doe.gov.

Source: Energy Information Administration, *Weekly Petroleum Status Report* (WPSR). Year-ago production data taken from comparable week last year; year-ago stock data interpolated from final Petroleum Supply Monthly data.

PRICES

- Distillate spot and futures prices posted further increases marketwide last week, lifted by strong crude oil markets, refinery problems, and the movement of Hurricane Debby through the Caribbean. OPEC ministers sent mixed signals about increasing production before their September meeting, despite steadily increasing crude oil prices. Fires at two Gulf Coast refineries, as well as the storm-related impacts on refining and shipping in the region, put upward pressure on product markets. The New York Harbor spot price for heating oil climbed 4.55 cents for the week to 92.43 cents per gallon, while the Los Angeles CARB diesel fuel spot price increased 7.00 cents to 107.50 cents per gallon.
- The national average retail on-highway diesel fuel price rose 2.4 cents to 147.1 cents per gallon as of August 21, 2000, 28.5 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, and the highest since March 20. Prices again increased in all regions, led by a 7.5-cent increase in California.

No. 2 Distillate Spot Prices by City (Cents per Gallon)

City	Low-Sulfur Distillate					High-Sulfur Distillate				
	07/31/00	08/07/00	08/14/00	08/21/00	08/23/99	07/31/00	08/07/00	08/14/00	08/21/00	08/23/99
New York	80.56	81.05	88.88	93.13	58.96	77.83	80.32	87.88	92.43	57.33
Chicago	76.68	78.78	86.48	89.05	62.11	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Houston	75.75	78.23	85.95	91.18	58.88	73.30	76.57	85.35	90.10	55.38
Los Angeles (CARB)	90.50	93.25	100.50	107.50	68.75	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Source: Reuters Information Services.

No. 2 Distillate Retail Prices by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Cents per Gallon, Including Taxes*)

District	On-Highway Diesel Fuel					Residential Heating Oil				
	07/31/00	08/07/00	08/14/00	08/21/00	08/23/99	07/31/00	08/07/00	08/14/00	08/21/00	08/23/99
East Coast (PADD I)	141.8	142.3	145.7	147.8	116.0	<div>Prices Available During Heating Season Only (October through March)</div>				
PADD IX	151.5	151.3	151.5	152.9	119.9					
PADD IY	149.8	150.6	153.5	154.6	122.5					
PADD IZ	137.5	137.9	141.9	144.5	112.9					
Midwest (PADD II)	137.8	138.2	142.3	144.1	116.4					
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	137.5	137.4	141.2	143.3	114.2					
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	146.6	145.9	147.4	148.6	127.5					
West Coast (PADD V)	150.7	151.1	154.9	160.7	135.3					
California	158.3	159.9	166.3	173.8	147.3					
U.S. Average**	140.8	141.0	144.7	147.1	118.6					

Source: Diesel Fuel prices: Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-888, On-Highway Diesel Price Survey; Residential Heating Oil prices for PADDs I and II: from data supplied by 21 State Energy Offices (SHOPP prices) from October through mid-March.

* Taxes, if any, are not included in residential heating oil prices.

** Residential heating oil average is for PADDs I and II only.

NA =Not Available.

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